

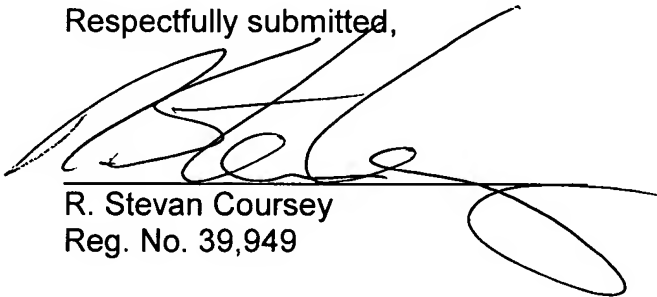
**REMARKS**

No Office Action on the merits has been received in connection with the present patent application. By the present Preliminary Amendment, the Specification has been amended to replace the section/paragraph entitled "Cross Reference to Related Application" on page 1, lines 5-8 with a new section/paragraph of the same section heading including the formerly present priority claim and a reference indicating that the present application is "a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international patent application number PCT/US03/030646 entitled "Multi-Section Particle Accelerator with Controlled Beam Current" filed on September 29, 2003, now expired." No new matter has been introduced. No amendments to the claims have been made.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendment submitted herein and the above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

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